

Listing of the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

1. (currently amended) A false front connector for connecting a false front panel over an opening in an object, comprising:

a clip piece that comprises:

a base configured to attach to a rear face of the false front panel;

a snap clip that comprises a pair of opposed arms that project from the base;

wherein each arm of the snap clip includes a first segment that is adjacent to the base and a second segment that projects outwardly from a distal portion of the first segment;

wherein the base and an inner face of the first segment of each arm define an obtuse angle;

wherein the first segment of each arm of the snap clip is thickened adjacent a connection between each arm and the base; and

a post piece configured to attach to the object, wherein the post piece includes a post that is configured to be received within an opening provided between the pair of opposed arms of the snap clip.

2. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the post piece further comprises a base panel having a rear face configured to attach to the object, and wherein the post extends outwardly from a front face of the base panel.

3. (original) The false front connector of Claim 2, wherein the false front connector further comprises a second snap clip and wherein the post piece further includes a second post that extends outwardly from the front face of the base panel, wherein the second post is configured to be received within an opening provided between the pair of opposed arms of the second snap clip.

4. (canceled).

5. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the pair of opposed arms of the snap clip each further include a third segment that projects from a distal end of the second segment of each arm of the snap clip.

6. (original) The false front connector of Claim 5, wherein the first segment and the third segment of each arm of the snap clip are substantially parallel to each other.

7. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the first and second segments of each arm meet to define an angle that is at least 90 degrees.

8. (original) The false front connector of Claim 7, wherein the angle is between 110 degrees and 160 degrees.

9. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the post has a non-circular cross-section.

10. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the post piece is a unitary piece made of a polymeric material.

11. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the clip piece is a unitary piece made of a polymeric material.

12. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the post is diamond shaped.

13. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the clip piece includes at least one aperture configured to receive a fastener.

14. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the post piece includes at least one aperture configured to receive a fastener.

15. (canceled).

16. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the first and second segments of each arm of the snap clip meet to form a resilient junction.

17. (original) The false front connector of Claim 5, wherein the third segment of each arm of the snap clip is substantially parallel to the second segment of the other arm of the snap clip.

18. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the first segment of each arm of the snap clip is a planar segment.

19. (original) The false front connector of Claim 1, wherein the arms of the snap clip are mirror images of each other about a plane that bisects the snap clip.

20. (currently amended) A false front connector for connecting a false front panel over an opening in an object, comprising:

a post piece configured to attach to the object that includes a post having a non-circular cross-section;

a clip piece that comprises a base that is configured to attach to a rear face of the false front panel, ~~and~~ a snap clip projecting from the base that is configured to receive the post having the non-circular cross-section and a second snap clip projecting from the base and configured to receive a second post having the non-circular cross-section.

21. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the non-circular cross-section of the post defines a polygon.

22. (original) The false front connector of Claim 21, wherein the polygon has a major axis and a minor axis that is shorter than the major axis.

23. (canceled).

24. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the post piece further comprises a base panel having a rear face configured to attach to the object, and wherein the post extends outwardly from the front face of the base panel.

25. (original) The false front connector of Claim 24, wherein an exterior edge of the base panel further includes a raised lip.

26. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the post piece is a unitary piece made of a polymeric material.

27. (original) The false front connector of Claim 26, wherein the clip piece is a unitary piece made of a polymeric material.

28. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the post has a diamond-shaped cross-section.

29. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the base of the clip piece further comprises first and second slots configured to receive first and second fasteners which connect the clip piece to the rear face of the false front panel and enable the clip piece to be adjusted relative to the false front panel.

30. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the post has a kite-shaped cross-section.

31. (original) The false front connector of Claim 20, wherein the post piece further comprises first and second slots configured to receive first and second fasteners which connect the post piece to the object and enable the post piece to be adjusted relative to the object.

32. (original) A cabinet, comprising:
a frame having a front face, wherein said front face includes an opening defined by a plurality of walls;

a false front panel having a front side and a rear side configured to attach to the front face of the frame over the opening therein; and

at least one false front connector that comprises:

a post piece configured to attach to the frame that includes a post having a non-circular cross-section;

a clip piece that comprises a base that is configured to attach to the rear side of the false front panel and a snap clip projecting from the base that is configured to receive the post having the non-circular cross-section.

33. (original) The cabinet of Claim 32, wherein the non-circular cross-section of the post defines a polygon.

34. (original) The cabinet of Claim 32, wherein the polygon has a major axis and a minor axis that is shorter than the major axis.

35. (original) The cabinet of Claim 32, wherein the clip piece further comprises a second snap clip projecting from the base and configured to receive a second post having the non-circular cross-section.

36. (original) The cabinet of Claim 32, wherein an exterior edge of the base panel further includes a raised lip.

37. (original) The cabinet of Claim 32, wherein the post has a diamond-shaped cross-section.

38. (canceled).

39. (canceled).

40. (new) A false front connector for connecting a false front panel over an opening in an object, comprising:

a clip piece that comprises:

a base configured to attach to a rear face of the false front panel;

a snap clip that comprises a pair of opposed arms that project from the base;

wherein each arm of the snap clip includes a first segment that is adjacent to the base and a second segment that projects outwardly from a distal portion of the first segment;

wherein the base and an inner face of the first segment of each arm define an obtuse angle; and

a post piece configured to attach to the object, wherein the post piece includes a post that is configured to be received within an opening provided between the pair of opposed

arms of the snap clip, wherein the post piece further comprises a base panel having a rear face configured to attach to the object, wherein an exterior edge of the base panel further includes a raised lip, and wherein the post extends outwardly from a front face of the base panel.

41. (new) A false front connector for connecting a false front panel over an opening in an object, comprising:

a clip piece that comprises:

a base configured to attach to a rear face of the false front panel;

a snap clip that comprises a pair of opposed arms that project from the base;

wherein each arm of the snap clip includes a first segment that is adjacent to the base and a second segment that projects outwardly from a distal portion of the first segment;

wherein the base and an inner face of the first segment of each arm define an obtuse angle; and

a post piece configured to attach to the object, wherein the post piece includes a post that is configured to be received within an opening provided between the pair of opposed arms of the snap clip;

wherein the clip piece further comprises an appendage that projects outwardly from the base that is configured to engage a portion of the post piece.

42. (new) The false front connector of Claim 41, wherein the appendage is formed of a resilient material.

43. (new) A cabinet, comprising:

a frame having a front face, wherein said front face includes an opening defined by a plurality of walls;

a false front panel having a front side and a rear side attached to the front face of the frame over the opening therein; and

at least one false front connector that comprises:

a post piece attached to the frame that includes a post having a non-circular cross-section that extends along an axis into the opening; and

a clip piece that comprises a base that is attached to the rear side of the false front panel and a snap clip projecting from the base that is configured to receive the post having the non-circular cross-section;

wherein the clip piece is attached to the post piece via movement in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the post.